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15 April 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Request for FY 1964 Supplemental Funding

1. This memorandum submits a recommendation for approval of the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence. Such recommendation is contained in paragraph 7.

2. I have recently completed detailed Directorate-wide reviews of existing and proposed research and development programs in DD/S&T. Such sorting and assessment of our activities has been underway for several months and we have made good progress in aligning the research and development programs with the collection and production activities by eliminating some efforts and initiating others. I do not mean to infer that this task is yet complete to our satisfaction, nor that we have built the capability we envision, but we feel that the programs which are now funded have been scrutinized and directed, or redirected, on both an individual and a collective basis, to effect the improvements that can be forced at this time. Reviewing mechanisms by line and staff personnel assure that these programs are technically sound, are reasonably costed and funded, and are clearly within the mission of the Agency.

3. It was inherent in the formation of the DD/S&T and the assignment of its mission that the amalgamation of talents and programs would generate new and more technically advanced ideas for the collection and processing of information and, further, that there would develop a stronger management thrust for translating these ideas into active operations and high-quality technical intelligence. That this is occurring now is evidenced by an increasing number of proposals from DD/S&T Offices-- some to improve or expand present schemes, other ideas to invent new systems. These follow a rising curve for both numbers and innovations and clearly reflect that the DD/S&T experiment is becoming productive.

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4. From a series of project appraisal sessions, I have selected a number of the most sound and potentially productive proposals. These proposed efforts are, for the most part, in the field of high priority ELINT collection systems, in support of the reconnaissance mission and in the audio and counter-audio areas. They represent work of an advanced nature that was not contemplated when the program for Fiscal Years 1964 and 1965 were planned. These proposed activities are briefly described in Annex A; a more detailed, technical description can be submitted if required.

5. Funds are not available within the DD/S&T, however, to undertake these efforts. All DD/S&T funds earmarked for external contracts have been committed in their entirety except for small amounts in several Offices which are in the final processes of review and approval for commitment. Management funds, i.e., salary, travel, supplies, etc., remaining in Office allotments are estimated to closely approximate projected requirements through the end of the Fiscal Year; no surpluses are available in these funds categories. By deferring many lower priority but essential projects, extensive reprogramming of available funds has permitted the initiation of some projects of the highest priority. In order to free as many FY 1964 dollars as possible for other essential projects, where feasible, funding of contracts has been placed over a two-year period--FY 1964 and FY 1965. Deferred funding will, however, reduce our financial capability to undertake many new and advanced projects in FY 1965 and would, in fact, probably necessitate a major reorientation of the planned program.

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6. Supplemental funding in the amount of [redacted] is required to finance the additional research work to be initiated in FY 1964. This is not a significant amount in light of the small investment (7%) of the total Agency resources in the DD/S&T research effort.

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7. Your approval for the allocation of [redacted] in additional FY 1964 funding authority and the initiation of the research efforts detailed herein are strongly recommended.

EDWARD B. GILLER
Acting Deputy Director
(Science and Technology)

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APPROVED:

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

Date

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